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From: Bilbao, Anita
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Thanks, Cindy and Allison. Appreciate your review and getting back to Nikki.

On Tue, Jun 27, 2017 at 3:50 PM, Staszak, Cynthia <cstaszak@blm.gov> wrote:

Yes. We worked with some of Kent's shop on the coal lease question and the grazing question/answer is very standard.

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On Tue, Jun 27, 2017 at 3:11 PM, Ginn, Allison <aginn@blm.gov> wrote:

Cindy-

Are you good with Nikki's response? I didn't see anything that I felt was technically inaccurate (although grazing is outside of my expertise). If you buy off, we'll send a green light.

Regards,

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From: **Moore, Nikki** <nmoore@blm.gov>
Date: Tue, Jun 27, 2017 at 3:04 PM
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Hi Anita and Allison,

We have been responding to quite a few follow up questions on the data for the monument reviews. I wanted to check in with you on this one, particularly for question #3 and the response we have from Utah - and just make sure everyone was ok with the way it reads before I submit it to the Secretary's office. Thank you!

1) Could you give a short description of the commercial Special Recreation Permits?

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) authorizes recreation use of the public lands and related waters through the issuance of special recreation permits and recreation use permits. The BLM's authority to issue permits is described in the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 2930. The authority to collect and retain recreation fees is specified in the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA) of 2004 (H-2930-1).

Special recreation permits (SRPs) are authorizations allowing specified recreation use of the public lands and related waters. Commercial use means recreation use of the public lands and related waters for business or financial gain (H-2930-1). At GSENM commercial SRPs cover a wide range of activities including general guide/hiking service, hunting & fishing guides, atv/vehicle experiences, educational events (geology classes, etc), horseback riding, and bicycling. Film permits are a separate type of authorization.

SRP fees are largely retained in the office where they were generated. At GSENM these funds go to support the salary of the SRP Administer and for monument projects resulting in direct improvement in the recreation program such as campgrounds, trailheads, roads, signage, etc. (See attachment: "*SENM SRP Program Q2*")

2) The Data Summary document lists total AUMs and active AUMs (which are the same as permitted in the 2.e. Grazing AUMs spreadsheet). Can you define total AUMs, and explain how they compare to permitted and billed?

Total AUM's are the sum of Active AUMs plus Suspended AUMs. In the majority of the permits, Active AUMs and Total AUMS are the same because there are no Suspended AUMs

Suspended AUMs are those initially adjudicated and are no longer available for use on an annual basis. These are carried forward in case they become available for use in the future from changes such as vegetation restoration, or improved water making more forage available.

Active AUMs are available for the permittee to use on an annual basis. Active AUMs and

Permitted AUMs are basically synonymous. The use of the word "Permitted" was adopted in the last version of the grazing regulation changes to be consistent with terminology used by the U.S. Forest Service

Billed AUMs are the portion of the Active (Permitted) AUMs the permittee applies for each year. The billed AUMs are the closest to the Actual AUMs used. A permittee may use up to the total Active AUMs, but not over. These billed AUMs vary from year to year as the permittees and BLM work together to make voluntary adjustments in response to conditions such as drought or variability in a rancher's livestock operation.

- 3) The Data Summary document states that "Andalex coal leases were voluntary sold to the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) at market value". Would it be accurate to say that BLM purchased the coal leases with LWCF funding?

The leases were voluntarily sold for \$14 million. Since Land and Water Conservation Funds were utilized, the U.S. Government purchased the Andalex leases. Attached is a copy of the LR2000 report and a Deseret News article from the time.

<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/720986/14-million-swap-for-Andalex-leases.html>

Act Date	Code	Action	Action Remarks	Pending Office
10/01/1999	387	CASE ESTABLISHED	GSMN COAL LEASE RELQ	
12/27/1999	400	US RIGHTS ACQ/RES	001;SEE COMMENTS	
12/27/1999	865	TITLE ACCEPTED BY US	RELQ ACCEPTED	
12/27/1999	968	CASE ACTION COMPLETED		
12/29/1999	095	FUNDED BY LWCF		
12/29/1999	500	GEOGRAPHIC NAME	GSENM;	
12/29/1999	501	REFERENCE NUMBER	PROJ-J902;	
12/29/1999	859	PAYMENT MADE	\$14000000;	
12/30/1999	970	CASE CLOSED		

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On Mon, Jun 26, 2017 at 4:55 PM, Cline, Sarah <sarah_cline@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Hi Nikki and Tim,

I have a few questions of clarification on the information provided for Grand Staircase Escalante below. If you have any additional information, I would appreciate it.

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Thank you,
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